METHODISTS HEAR

for missions if it is found that the as-

The Dession Yesterday, A small scattering of delegates and visitors were present in the auditorium when the Conference was called to order about 9:30 o'clock. The others were spread around on the outside or below in the basement, but they were not slow in coming in when it became known that the meeting was on. Several new delegates have arrived and the attendance is probably by this time over 300, not including the visitors.

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Prayer was led by the Rev. Robert
Watts, of Palmyra, after which the
minutes of the preceding session were
read and approved. A discussion of
some minor point developed in connection with the minutes and gave signs
of continuing ad infinitum, until the Bishop headed it off and prevented any further delay in the proceedings. CHARACTERS CALLED.

Question 20, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official ad-ministration?" was asked by the Bishop, and the name of Dr. J. Powell Garland, presiding elder of the Richmond District, was first called and passed.

Garland declared his charge to be in ex-cellent condition, spiritually and numeri-cally. Never before in its history has there been a more successful year. there been a more successful year. The assessments have been raised and more than raised. The salaries of the pastors of the churches are paid up. Additions have been made to many of the churches, making a very gratifying increase in the membership.

The report from the West Richmond District are submitted by Dr. W. V. Tu-

District was submitted by Dr. W. V. Tu-dor, whose name was next called, and passed. One church has been dedicated during the year; another has been beauti-fully renovated and rededicated, and three smaller ones have been overhauled. There have been several signal revivals at which large numbers of conversions were pro-fessed. The assessments and running extot advancement in missions, the inospecial advancement in influence of the spiritual condition of the district is

MORE REPORTS FROM DISTRICTS.

norts were made as follows:

Rappahannock District, reported by the
Rev. J. H. Amiss, presiding alder, whose
rame was passed under the question. Mr.
Amiss has served four years and will have Amiss has served four years and will have to leave this time. His report was therefore of no little interest. During the enfore of no little interest. During the entire term, he said, there has hardly been
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The entire church debt—\$58,000—paid and had \$138 left over. Of all this money subscribed, not a cent was left unpaid on the day of payment.

Dr. Whitehead made remarks commending Brother Whitety's methodical work.

Dr. Young, 30 conversions; 65 accessions; all collections paid; raised \$22,324.83; the new church completed, and will be dedicated next Sunday week.

Lynchburg District reported by Dr.

Paul Whitchead, whose name was next passed. Like Mr. Amiss, Dr. Whitchead has served his term and will have to go clsewhere and hence his report avoids.

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T. McSimpson, collections paid in full; good revivals; a successful year.

S. J. Batten, net gain, 23; a good year; 40 conversions; 37 accessions. has served his term and will have to go elsewhere and hence his report excited particular interest. The condition of his district he declared to be most excellent. The spiritual and financial condition has been improved. The ministers are being better supported and the contributions will be in advance of those of last year. There have been many gracious revivals and many additions to the churches. The educational work is going on well. There has been a great revival of church building in the district.

Portemouth District reported by the Rev. W. C. Vaden, presiding elder, whose name was passed. The statement from name was passed. The statement from Mr. Vaden was declared by him to be the very finest ever sent out by the district. Several churches have paid their indebtedness in part or in full; one new church has been built; six have im-proved; two new ones have been begun; three parsonages have been erected. Nearly every church will pay up full on the assessments. One church, which paid a little over 25 per cent, last year, will pay over 100 per cent, this time. Mr. pay over 100 per cent this time. Mr. Vaden has served four years at Ports-mouth and will have to be transferred

ed fourteen times. Preachers had been lrue, loyal and devoted. One thousand conversions on district. One new par-sonage built. Two old parsonages sold and two new ones bought, one cost ng Only one town in district. Finances in every respect better than ever

Danville District: J. C. Reid, character passed. Work slow, sure and steady. Churches repaired and some new ones, Good revivals. Collections considerably in advance of other years.

Petersburg District: Rev. R. F. Wil-Petersburg District: Rev. A. F. son, character passed. Finances good. cases there were great revivals. Wesley Church—extraordinary results; Rev. Thomas took hold when more or less fisorganized; have built fine, new church, Market-Street Church has spent \$5,000 for improvements. Blackstone has new church. Finances in advance of last year. Rev. J. C. Cannon's success in school has been phenomenal. Peters-burg Female School has every student It can accommodate.

Norfolk District: Rev. W. E. Judkins, rharacter passed. Two preachers dead-Rev. R. E. Barrett and H. C. Cheatham. One new church at Ghent. One new church at Park Place. Two new parsonages built and many renaired. Twenty-nine pastoral charges paid salaries in full. Conference collections paid be-yond last year. The largest and wealthi-

CALLED THE SUPERANNUATES.
The names of the superannuates were next called and passed, the Rev. H. T. Bason, heading the list. Others were W. F. Bone, T. J. Boyton, C. H. Boggs H. C. Bowles, James F. Brannin, John W. Crider, R. N. Croeks, John B. Dey, J. E. Gates, A. M. Hall, R. G. James, W. P. Jordan, W. A. Langhan, J. T. Moore, E. H. Early, C. S. Womsley, J. C. Watson, C. C. Wertenbaker, J. P. Woodward, J. E. MacSparrin, J. R. Gill,

James O. Moss, F. W. Proctor, C. W. Cain, W. H. Camper.

As they were taken up one by one the names were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for a pontinuation of the superannuated. A few were reported dead, and their name went to the Committee on Memorials. Several of the ministers called were present and made interesting and in some pases pathetic statement of their coninfirm and are unable to work. Many could not come to the Conference at al A few of the superannuates reported an vement in their health and a hope

that they may soon be able to get back to their pastoral duties. these hopeful ones was the C. Wertenbaker, who will in all probability return this year to the

The supernumeraries were called and passed as follows: Rev. Joseph A. Proctor and Rev. J. J. Rhodes. VISITORS INTRODUCED.

Among the visitors introduced at this

secretary of the Board of Education of the General Conference; and the Rev. Dr. J. E. Armstrong, of the Baltimore Conference. The latter made a short talk, appealing for the erection of a suitable church at Blacksburg for the benefit of the students of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Other denom-inations have suitable houses of worship and the same should be the case with the Methodists.

A resolution endorsing and commend ing the Harbor Mission work at Hamp-ton Roads by the Rev. Mr. Steele was offered by the Rev. Mr. Peters and upon his request was laid upon the table until to-morrow morning, when Mr Steele hoped to be present and make

The name of the Rev. Dr. E. L. Pell now with the B. F. Johnson Publishing Company, was called and his character

connection with the case of Dr. the matter of nominal appointments wil have to come to an end with the pres ent session of the Virginia Conference The General Conference has legislated upon the question and its law will now go into effect. The Bishop said he made this statement in open conference be cause he thought it should be under-stood from the outset.

ference Relations for the supernumerary

MORE REPORTS FROM CHURCHES Minute question 20 was reverted to and a number of ministers were passed

63. And we think we have the best Sun-

on last year's report. conversions, fifteen additions; net decrease of thirty-three, resulting from a correction of the register.

J. E. DeShazo: Fairly successful year.

W. W. Lear; Net increase small.

ten. C. R. James reported Whitestone in Woman's Foreign Missionary Society

life. The collections a little short. H. Edwards, of Charlottesville, re-

on all the collections. Twenty-eight pro-fessions; net increase of eighteen. J. T. Whitley reports large net de-

F. M. Beckham had a good year.

B. F. Lipscomb was in Petersburg nine months; at work at the college three

D. G. C. Butts, from the Gloucester Circuit, reported the close of his fourth year, the happiest and, in some respects, the saddest of his life. But out it all the Lord hath delivered him, The people stood by him in his work, and besides overpaying his salary, paid his medical bill of \$137.50. All collections paid except a small deticiency. The Rosebuds had again \$1.50.27 and are supporting a little girl paid \$216.27 and are supporting a little girl

out at our Orphanage.
Dr. W. G. Starr, of Washington-Street,
Petersburg. 500 members on the roll; fine
year, and large contributions. UNWISE AND DISSIPATING.

connection with the report from the Rev. Mr. Edwards, of Charlottesville, In response to a query from the Bishops, Mr. Virginia has no chaplain, but depended upon ministers from different sections of the country, who are regularly invited

by Dr. Paul Whitehead that the University is not a Methodist institution the Bishop replied that Methodists are Virginians,

The Rev. Herbert M. Hope made a brief statement in behalf of the University, setting forth that while different ministers preach there, one man has charge of the religious work and looks after man devotes himself entirely to the matter and has made a success of it.

By way of concluding the little dis-cussion Bishop Duncan said he hoped he would not be understood as criticis day in reference to unwise marriages The young man he spoke of had obliga-tion, moral or legal, to marry the girl he left California to seek. The Bishon supposed, however, the editor was an xious for something to write about.

CLASS OF FIRST YEAR.

The Committee and Class of the First Year was called and names were passed upon as folows: Hugh J. Paylor, of the Cartersville Circuit: Eugene H. Powell, of the Danville District; T. Forrester, of Rappahannock District Leroy W. Guyer, Norman R. Smith Henry C. Gregory, John J. Bradford, Thomas J. C. Heath, Joseph E. Hearn, J. E. McCartney, Each of the young men made brief but

interesting reports. The Presiding Elders of each district spoke of the character and prospects of them. They are now admitted to the class of the second year.

An amusing incident developed just here. The Rev. Mr. Atwill, of Calvary here. The Rev. Mr. Atwill, of Calvary Church, Danville, had had something to say already and wished to say more. He called for recognition, but the Bishop was busy and would not stop. He call-ed the name of Mr. Guyer, of the class of the first year, but he was out. Meanwhile Mr. Atwill clamored to obtain the floor and finally the Bishop turned to him and sent him out to find Mr. Guyer, He said if he brought back the recalci-

trant he would be recognized.

A moment or two later, and up th A moment of two later. And my middle aisle solemnly walking, came Mr. Atwill holding Mr. Guyer by the left arm. The Conference was convulsed with laughter, and it was a moment or two before the tumult could be quieted. It before the tumult could be quiete broke aloose fresh again presently. op Duncan glanced over his spectacles at the twain in the aisle and finally said: "We all think Brother Atwill should be promoted for his zeal. I hereby make him High Sherin of the Virginia Confer-

Amid a roar of laughter, the new off.

SEVERAL RESOLUTIONS. A resolution was offered by Dn Tudor endorsing the scheme of Dr. Armstrong to erect a suitable church at Blacksburg:

to erect a suitable church at Blacksburg. It was unanimously adopted,
A resolution offered by the Rev. R. M Maxey in connection with announcements, etc., was lost. Mr. Maxey said he hoped by the resolution to help still the confusion, which has prevailed during the conference.

At this juncture Professor R. E. Blackwell mediates of Randonh Maron Col.

Among the visitors introduced at this juncture Processor R. E. Biaca-point by Bishop Duncan were the Rev. Well, president of Randolph-Macon Col-legs, was introduced and on behalf of the

accepted. A special train will be run at three o'clock this afternoon from the Elba Station and will return about 6 o'clock. Probably 300 delegates indicated an intention to take advantage of the

The trustees of the hall fund reported \$149.07, which they were ordered to pay over to the treasurer of the Joint

The committees of second and third year were called, but announced that they

were not ready.

Section 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? R. L. Busby, W. L. Murphy and William G. Burch, passed in examination of character and were elected to elders orders.

A telegram from the Rev. Mr. Atkins, secretary of the Sunday-school Board, was read. Mr. Atkins said he could not be here on account of sickness in his

REBUKED THE LADIES

The feature of this session of yesterday was the disorder which prevailed throughout. Bishop Duncan exhibited considerable impattence, and though he tried long and often to preserve quiet, he hardly succeeded. • The chief offenders were two or three

ladies, who persisted in talking from start to finish, and thereby interrupting the transactions of the body. It began early in the morning. The Bishop stop-ped a speaker in the middle of his talk gretted exceedingly that he had to use the gavel and call to order; he delighted to have the ladies and the other visitors not permit them to stand on the floor and It is an imposition upon the courtesy of the Conference, which is not a perform-

Barely had the bishop concluded when the voices of the women, described by the bishop as "sharp and incisive with not a semblance of the Annie Laurie tone in them." were heard again. And thus it kept on. Sarcasm failed. The bishop, growing more and more impatient, tried meetings as far west as California, but he had met with nothing equal to this. He invited those who wished to talk to leave and repair to the basement be-

At the end of the session in the after-noor the session was very little improved and Bishop Duncan made a final anbut delegates will be allowed within the

All the committees and boards met yesterday afternoon as is usual on each are gotten in shape. Organization has been effected in the majority of cases and work is beginning in real earnest.

The Bishop and his council met again at the residence of Mr. Branch. Little or nothing can be gathered as to the progress of the work in this direction. The sessions of the body, which to the ministers are probably the most important and no statements are ever made as to the transactions of this inner court. It is said, however, that the council has not gotten down yet to the appointments, and that it will not do so for a day or so yet. It is chiefly concerned just now about the arrangements of the districts for the coming year.

The Committee on Publishing Inter-

ests met in the afternoon in the audi-torium of the Broad Street Church. Mr. torium of the Broad Street Church. Mr. Frank Talbott, of Danville, was elected chairman, and the Rev. R. M. Maxey, of this city, secretary. The committee has great things in fore for the Christian Advocate, of Richmond, the organ of the Conference. The business of the paper will be developed along broad lines. An addition will be made to the staff of workers in the stage of a field therefrom this year.

Charlottesville District: J. D. Hank, character passed. Reported hardest year rendered always be a chaplain. When reminded Rev. Rush Robertson, colportage agent for the Baltimore Conference. The claims, financial statement and bills of the secretary and treasurer were audited and were found to be in most excellent

condition.

The Board of Education met at Centenary for an interesting session. The Rev. W. J. Young, D. D., of Lynchburg, was elected precident, to take the place of Bishop A. Coke Smith. Dr. D. J. Hammond, general secretary of education, and President Blackwell, of Randolph-Macon. appeared before the Board and made in-

morrow night at 8 o'clock.

The Joint Board of Finance held a long session and transacted a great deal of work. The special matter now before the rairing Virginia's part of the superannu-ated fund called for by the General Con-

The Board of Church Extension met and elected the Rev. A. C. Berryman chairman and the Rev. S. C. Hatcher secretary. There are about fifteen appli-

secretary. There are about inteen applications for help before the board.

The Committee on Public Worship met and practically completed its work. The report will be given out to-day for publication.

Address by Dr. Reid at Night,

Last night a packed house heard the Rev. C. F. Reld, D. D., superintendent of the mission in Korea, deliver a re-markable address on the work in this of the mission in Korea, deliver a re-markable address on the work in this sion Board, an abstract of which foi-foreign land. For an hour and a half lows: the speaker held the careful attention of the 674 missionaries of the Home Misthe great audience which crowded the sion Board of the Southern Baptist Con-

Dr. Reld has been for years a foreign

missionary, and he is now in this country only because he was forced on account of his health to return home. He expects to go back some day. In fact as he said last night, he is longing to take up his work again.

THE HIDEOUS RELIGION.

Forea, Dr. Reid said last night, is called an empire, but it is only about as large as New York and Pennsylvania to gether. It has a population of 12,000,000 souls. There are three chief religions in this far-away and little known land, where formerly foreigners were killed when caught in the country. Confuciantism came from China, Buddhism did also, but has little hold upon the people. Nature worship is the prevailing religion.

A Korean, the speaker went on to explain, believes that the elements are controlled by spirits, all of which but one class are enemies to the human family, and delights in bringing calamity and disaster among mankind. Hence it is always the aim of the Korean to seedlre the services of one of this class of good spirits as a guide and a means of protection against the evil. The religion comprehends the belief that the spirits become incarnate in material things—a rag, for instance, of a plece of paper-which are then worshipped.

The first thing a Korean does when he erects for himself a house in which to live is to place in it one of these guardian spirits. He calls in the assistance of a sorceress who installs the spirit. Armed with a wand, over one end of a sorceres who installs the spirits as tick a wand, over one end of a sorceres who installs the spirit. Armed with a wand, over one end of a sorceres who installs the spirit. Armed with a wand, over one end of a sorceres who installs the spirit. Armed with a wand, over one end of a sorceres who installs the spirit.

trustees of the institution he extended invitation to the conference to pay a visit to the college this afternoon. The invitation was unanimously and heartlly accepted. A special train will be run at three o'clock this afternoon from the Elba Station and will return about 6 o'clock. Probably 300 delegates indicated the paper is taken off and stuck up on the wall. Thereafter the occupants worship will. Thereafter the occupants worship will. Thereafter the occupants worship wall. Thereafter the occupants worship

wall. Thereafter the occupants worship the little scrap.

This hideous religion has absolute sway over the women, and in this connection Dr. Reid took occasion to refer to the blessings enjoyed by the women who live oriental lands woman leads a life of degin civilized communities. In these strange redesition and shape. radation and shame.

STRANGE AND WEIRD TALES. Like a tale from the pages of romance sounded Dr. Reid's account of the manner in which the Christian religion got into Korea; how the first missionary was a Chinaman; how he was beheaded; how a converted woman, also thrown into a converted woman, also thrown into mersilly dress. a converted woman, also thrown into prison, wrote his history on her silk dross, and thus preserved the immortal record; how the first Protestant missionary happened to be able to enter the country; how he became friendly with the royal household and thus established himself as an important personage, so that up to this day the missionaries are called "Your Execellency"; how in 1895 the Southern Methodists entered the field, and how the work has prespered up to this time. Strange and welrd and sometimes amusing were the statements made. The breathless attention of the audience during some parts of the address gave sufficient testimony of its great interest.

DIDN'T WANT TO BE WASHED. There was one particularly funny thing himself and the other missionaries in Korer One of the chief difficulties is Kore: One of the chief difficulties is the language. It is impossible to get the English ideas expressed just right in Korean. Thus the only Korean word for baptize means "wash" to the natives of the country. Now, if there is one thing on earth the Koreans hate to do it is to wash. There is a Japanese proverb to the effect that the diritest thing on earth is a clean Korean. When they learned is a clean Korean. When they learned that to become Christians, as many of them desired, they would have to "believe and be 'washed' in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost," they were appalled. Still a little party of them summoned up nerve to do it, although it went hard against traditional ideas of propriety. They went to a creek and gave each other a sound scrubbing. When the missionaries, for whom they were waiting, came, they told the ministers of what they had done, and Dr. Reid said he thought it was all right. There was the water, and there was the

Various other peculiar and interesting statements were made by Dr. Reid. He closed with an appeal that there be no delay in furthering the work in the country. The land is being opened to for-eigners, and it is therefore being opened to the evils which the foreigners-the Eu through Korea on its way to the sea coast, where it will connect with the steamship lines, and the country will then be the great highway of trade and travel. Dr. Reid prayed that the Methodists would selze the opportunity while it stui exists, and carry the Gospel of Christ into Korea before it is opened to the modern evils which will be a necessary accompaniment of the influx of outsiders. These evils, he said, will surely come. In China, it is at Shanghal and the other places where Europeans are numerous, that there prevails the conditions existing in many of the large cities in civilized

FOREIGNERS BRING IN EVILS.

Plicher, Charles H. Ryland, W. E. Hatcher, and J. B. Montgomery, Esq., and others. Dr. Plicher called attention State missions alone amount this year to more than the entire gifts of Virginia Baptists to all these objects twenty years ago. Dr. Hatcher thought that there

eral Association was the first body he and ever attended. Before that body he had made his first address-a request for teresting talks, after which there was a prayer—and so he looked with inex-general discussion of the policy of the work. The Board adjourned to meet tosons of those who had been helpful to him in the days of his youth and immaturity

visitors recognized were Dr. W. O. Carver, of the Lousiville Seminary; Rev. Ernest A. Jackson, of Bahla; Jno. H. Eager, D. D., agent of the S. B. T. Seminary; Revs. R. H. Baylor, T. C. Skinner, and W. E. Robertson, of Baltimore.

Mr. Jackson gave a modest, brief statement of the reasons why he had left the Presbyterians for the Baptists. Rev. M. L. Wood, on behalf of the Staunton Baptist Church, invited the association to hold its next annual meetwith them.

HOME MISSION REPORT. The afternoon session of the associa-tion was well attended. Secretary H. C. Smith read the report of the Home Mis-

The 674 missionaries of the Home Misvention for the year ending May 1, 1903, laboring in each of the Southern States missionary, and he is now in this country only because he was forced on account of his health to return home. He expects to go back some day. In fact, as he said last night, he is longing to take up his work again.

THE HIDEOUS RELIGION.

CAN NOT BE RUBBED AWAY

But a good liniment or plaster will often give temporary ease by producing counter-irritation and reducing the inflammation and swelling, but there is nothing curative about these simple remedies, for Rheumatism is not a skin disease and cannot be rubbed away with liniments or drawn out by plasters or anything else applied to the surface. Rheumatism is caused by urea, uric acid and other irritant poisons in the blood, which are carried through the circulation to every part of the body and deposited in the muscles, joints and nerves.

ZHEUMATISM

When the system is in this condition, exposure to night air, cold winds or damp, chilly weather, seem to arouse the sluggish blood and the most terrific pains begin to shoot through the muscles and joints and they swell and inflame. writhe and twist, and so intense is the suffering that the strongest constitution cannot long hold out against the nerveracking tortures of acute Rheumatism, and many times its victims are left hopeless, helpless cripples, with crooked

limbs and shattered nerves. There is no limit to its powers for evil; not a fibre of the body is beyond the reach of the dangerous acids and poisons circu-Gentlemen: I am glad to say that S. S. S. lating in the blood; the valves of the heart are has cured me of Rhoumatism. About two often affected, resulting in palpitation or something years ago I suffered from Rheumatism in my far more serious. Rheumatism does not always knees and feet, my ankles swelling so that I come on suddenly; its growth is often gradual. Litcould not put on my shoes. This continued tle pains begin tugging at the muscles or wandering for several months, during which time I was from joint to joint as winter approaches, or the applying liniments and going by my physiweather is unsettled and changeable, but they in- cian's directions, but derived no benefit. I crease with each recurring attack, and nothing is was told of S. S. S. and tried it. I immemore certain than that this insidious disease will at diately got relief, and in six months was last get you completely in its power and almost entirely well.—D. I. Duane, 2108 Floyd St. before you realize it joints are swollen and locked,

muscles contracted and stiff, and you are a chronic sufferer from Rheumatism. You can never conquer this deep-seated disease with external remedies that give only partial or tem-

porary relief, nor by flooding the system with Alkali and Potash mixtures, which break down the digestion, while the disease is left to pursue its destructive work.

No remedy brings such prompt and lasting relief in rheumatic troubles as S. S. S. which attacks the disease in the blood, neutralizes the acids and stimulates all the blood

making organs. It removes from the system all poisonous substances, purifies and enriches the thin acid blood and when the Uric Acid salts and the gritty particles are dislodged and drenched out of the aching muscles and joints, the patient is happily relieved for all time of the discomforts and misery of Rheumatism.

S. S. S. being a purely vegetable remedy can be taken with safety by the old, middle aged and young. It will cure you, no matter whether you are a long-time sufferer or only beginning to feel occasional twinges of Rheumatism. Write us about your case and our physicians will advise you without charge. We will mail free our special book on Rheumatism. THE SWIFT SPECIFIC COMPANY, Atlanta, Ca.

ast year for this purpose \$1,917.33.

A most interesting and promising branch of home missions is what is called "Mountain Work." This is chiefly the mainte-nance of schools in the mountain dispreachers, and who do valuable work in holding meetings, establishing churches and Sunday-schools, as well as teaching. Perhaps no more effective means of evangelization has ever been used in mission

reminiscences of Dr. Tichenor and prais-ing warmly the dying secretary. Dr. Dill said it had been his privilege to spend several weeks with Dr. Tichenor recently. His face was towards the future, and his heart was still deeply enlisted in the work of Southern Baptists, Dr. W. L. Pack ard, of Lynchburg, was the next speaker. He made a fine address, speaking especially upon the importance of the work among the mountaineers. The report was then adonted.

MINISTERS' RELIEF. Mr. T. H. Ellett, president of the Ministers' Relief Fund, then presented the report of the trustees of that fund as follows:

The following report of the trustees of the Parallet Ministers' Pallot Fund of

the Bantist Ministers' Relief Virginia shows the receipts and disbursements during the fiscal year from November 1, 1901, to October 31, 1902, and also the present condition of the funds under our control.

our control.

The receipts from the churches amount to \$3,947.95, or \$728.15 more than last year.

Our income from all sources amounts to \$5,248.11, or \$814.23 more than last year. Our benefactions amount to \$4.715, or \$135 greater than last year. Our disbursements to beneficiaries exceed our receipts from the churches by \$767.05.

We have assisted sixty-five persons during the year and have added five new beneficiaries to our regular list. the following deaths have occurred dur-ing the year: Sister Apphia C. Atkins and rethren Richard Fox and J. T. McLaugh-

A FINE REPORT. A FINE REPORT.

Mr. Ellett called attention to the fact that this is one of the best reports offered in recent years. The endowment amounts to about \$19,000. Much of this will soon have to be reinvested at a lower rate of interest. This will reduce the income from this source. Preachers are taking nore interest in this fund. He urged that the brethren should not

He urged that the orethren should not couly give to this interest while they lived, but that they should also remember the fund in their wills. Some brethren had done this, but the Lord had mercifully prolonged their lives, and so the cirully prolonged their lives, and so the bequests were not yet available. Rev. John B. Turpin, of Charlottesville, said that no similar amount of money spent by the Baptists of Virginia did as

much good as the expenditure by this board. Rev. L. E. Barton, of Suffolk, urged the ministers to take more interest in this work. Dr. Owen and Maryus Jones Req., followed in very interesting addresses. The report was then adopted.
Dr. A. B. Woodfin introduced Rev. R.
E. Steele, of the Presbyterian Church, who is engaged in mission work among asilors in Hampton. Mr. Steele spoke of the debt of Virginia to the miliors. There came take Hampton Roads Suring the

heathen. He pleaded earnestly for sym-pathy in the work of trying to reach and save these people. After sundry announcements the session adjourned.

Night Session.

The great auditorium was packed with an eager and attentive congregation to-night to hear Rev. J. W. Wildman, who preached the annual sermon. His thema

was "The Unfalling Christ." It was strong, logical and convincing. The report of the trustees of the orphan-The report of the trustees age was presented to-night by Rev. Thos. In the State Library dignified members of the supreme benchmark to a flutter of excitement yesterday morning. Later in the day Mercy. Noland & Baskerville, consulting a chitects, gave their opinton in writing that the cracks were no deeper than the plastering, and that the Library building was in no dargar whatever.

Many names are suggested for the assistant secretary of the State Mission Board to succedd Rev. C. G. Thompson. At present it looks as if Rev. B. C. Hening, of Bristol, is ahead. The selection will probably be left to the and meeting of the State Mission Board to he held in Richmond soon after the General Association adjourns.

A movement is on foot to add to the usual features of the annual meeting of the General Association a day for special addresses on doctrinal, practical and devotional topics. Dr. W. R. L. Smith is likely to introduce this resolution.

The everyth of the Education Commission of Sheriff T. M. Crouch. of The report of the Educational Commission will be perfected at a special meeting to-night. It is learned that it will be of the general character indicated in yesterday's dispatches. Drs. Thames and Hatcher are slated for addresses when Richmond and when on West Cary Street they stopped and the father went into

preachers have been sent out.
The whole morning session to-morrow will be given to the report of the Education Commission and the accompanying discussion.

Louisville, Ky., March 27, '02.

LEARNED JUDGES AGITATED

Cracks in Wall of Supreme Court Law

Library Building Occasions Alarm. Cracks discovered in the wall of the law

State missions account of that there ago. Dr. Hatcher thought that there ought to be somewhere an account of the church in money given to Christian education. The treasurer's report was then adopted.

Dr. Cooper moved the appointment of a special committee to ascertain as far and report at this meeting the sum given by the Baptists of the State to Christian education, and any hitherto unreported sums given to mission work. This motion created considerable discuss the now in better condition than they been for several year.

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DR. Hawthorne was the first speaker, and he paid an eloquent and glowing tribute to Dr. Tlehenor. He declared that the paid an eloquent and glowing tribute to Dr. Tlehenor. He declared that the paid an eloquent and glowing tribute to Dr. Tlehenor. He declared that the paid an eloquent and glowing tribute to Dr. Tlehenor. He declared that the paid an eloquent and glowing tribute to Dr. Tlehenor. He declared that the structure is in some paid to be successful to the sum of the church in Havana in voting to Dr. Diaz certain private are 22 children in the institution. The health of the children has been fine. Health of the children ha building. This he obtained after a careful examination made by the architecta. They declare that the structure is in ac danger at all. The gradual setting of the walls and foundations may have caused the breakage which spread the alarm.

HAD NAKROW ESCAPE

daughter of Sheriff T. M. Crouch. of Goochland county, yesterday afternoon, sion will be perfected at a special meeting to-night. It is learned that it will be of the general character indicated in yesterday's dispatches. Drs. Thames and Hatcher are slated for addresses when the matter comes up, and in connection with it special effort will be made in the interests of the Bristol school.

Nearly all the Richmond pastors and a goodly number of Richmond laymen are on hand, and nore are coming. Among these latter is Major J. W. Johnston, whose face is familiar to the older but new to the younger brethren. He is receiving a most cordial welcome.

One of the Richmond "boys" who is doing fine work is Rev. John K. Goode, of Carrsville. He is a well furnished and acceptable preacher, and a most diligent pastor. He comes out of Leigh-Street

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